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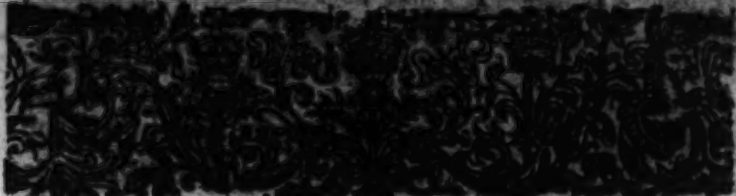
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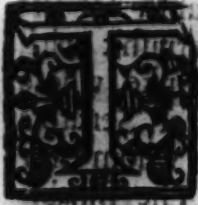
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The City of Ragusa is not of a very large



Here the City of Ragusa, seated in *Maritima*
at the mouth of the *Adriatic*
Sea, springing up from the Ashes of
the Ancient, but Decayed *Epano*
Roma, was built, as some Writers ob-

serve, about the Year of our Lord
265, or 267, upon a *Peninsula* lying to the South,

in a very pleasant place, its Dominions contain in length from East to West, about 120 Miles, and in breadth, about 12: bounded on the East by *Albania*, on the West by *Epirus*, on the North by the *Dutchy of Herzegovina*, and on the South by the *Adriatick Sea*. It hath two Cities in it, *Stagno*, and *Old Ragusa*; and five Islands, all of them inhabited, and very fruitful. Its several Bayes, and Inlets of the Sea, yield a pleasant Prospect to those that sail that way, they being generally crowned and adorned with Towns, Pallaces, and fair Gardens: Besides which, there are several Ports, which are secure Retirements for Ships against any Accidents at Sea, and of capacity large enough to contain a great Armada, or Fleet. The Countrey is generally Rocky, and the City of *Stagno* lies encompassed round with Salt Pits. The Air, and the Seasons of the Year very temperate. The Merchants frequently arriving there in their way from the *Levant*, make it a place of considerable Trading.

The City of *Ragusa* is not of a very large Circumference, but very considerable for its strength, being well fortified and furnish'd with all sorts of Ammunition. It hath a Duke, whose power lasts only for a Month, and of Senators and Noble persons about 100, out of whom they fill their Council and Magistracies. The Inhabitants are upwards of 6000.

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This was the State of this City till Wednesday
 the fifth of April 1667, when about three or four
 in the Afternoon, there happened a terrible and
 fatal Earthquake, which in a moment threw
 down and ruined the Pallace, that was the usual
 place of Residency of their Duke, but now his
 Tomb: himself with his Attendants being buried
 together in its ruins. The same fate also ran all the
 Pallaces, Churches, Monasteries and Houses of
 that City, all of them by the violence of the
 Earthquake turned upside down, with as great a
 destruction to the Inhabitants, which was much
 increased by the tumbling down of great Stones
 from the neighbouring Mountains: which falling
 likewise upon the destroyed City, made of it all
 one great confused heap of Ruins.

There happened at the same instant a great
 Wind, which occasioned one mischief to fall up-
 on the neck of another, for this meeting with some
 fire, which lay mixt with the combustible matter
 that fell on it confusedly in the Ruins, caused a
 great and violent Flame, which continued many
 dayes, to the infinite affliction of the poor Survi-
 vors of that dreadful Calamity, who were but
 few in number, not exceeding 600 persons, and
 about 15 of their Nobility. It was a lamenta-
 ble spectacle to behold the greater part of this
 small remainder, pitifully wounded and maimed,
 crawling

crawling as astonish'd persons thorow the ruined Streets; with their Heads about their Necks, begging for mercy and pardon for their sins, every minute expecting death.

The Castle; which was very strong, was twice observed to open and then close again, and the Sea to retire at least four times.: All the Fountains about the City are also dried up, so that there remains not any water to make them drink: Only the Fort, made up of Earth, continues whole: That upon the Sea; with the *Docks* or Custom House, and the Hospital, received some damage, but 'tis believed may in some little space of time be repaired. Several Voices have been heard under the Ruins, where persons lay buried alive, many of which, have by the compassion of those that escaped, with much pains in removing the wood and stones that covered them, been brought out alive, after four or five dayes continuance in that miserable condition, confessing, That they were onely kept alive by drinking their own Urin.

Not did this Dreadful Judgement fall onely upon this City, but the South Island, *Sancta Croce*, the Abbey of *St. Philip* and *James*, and many other places round about this City, within the distance of two hours riding, were proportionably shaken, to the ruin of several Houles and Palaces, and the

the death of many of the people that dwell in them, & whose only remaining Town, was entirely destroyed; beyond which was seen nothing.

This Earthquake lasted for Eight dayes together, but not with the same violence as it began, the shakings every day appearing weaker and lesse than other.

The Heer *George Groeck*, who was designed Resident from the States of *Holland*, to the *Gr. Seigniors Court at Constantinople*, with *Jacob van Dam*, designed Consul for *Smyrna*, arrived at *Ragusa* about four dayes before this Earthquake happened, with about 34 persons in their company, and had a considerable share in the Common Calamity; in which there died the Resident himself, with his Wife, one daughter, and another young Gentlewoman, with her Chamber-maid, and two of his Domestick Servants, two Knights of *Maltha*, and a German Lord; the rest miraculously preserved alive, though many of them much hurt.

At the same time, this Earthquake also much damnified *Castel Nuovo* and the Neighbour Towns in *Albania*, belonging to the *Turks*, with a great destruction of the Inhabitants; and had the same effects upon *Dulcigno* and *Antivari*, as also upon *Peraſto* and *Cattaro* in *Dalmatia*,

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At the same time, it is a common mistake to think of the Negro as a race of slaves, belonging to the white people, and having no rights of his own. The Negro is a free man, and has the same rights as the white man. He is a member of the human race, and has the same rights as the white man. He is a citizen of the United States, and has the same rights as the white man. He is a man, and has the same rights as the white man.